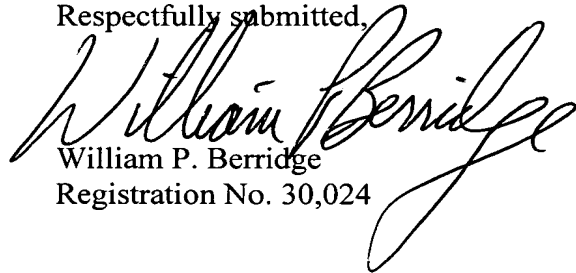


REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-5, 7-11 and 13-19 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~to 2~~, characterized that in step b) said pressure and said heat all are applied by calendering the uncoated paper.
4. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~, claim 1, characterized in that said rewetting solution is an aqueous solution.
5. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 1 to 4~~, claim 1, characterized in that said rewetting solution comprises additives chosen from amongst wetting agents, colorants, and particularly tinting agents, fluorescent whiteners, fluorescence-inhibiting agents, anti-counterfeiting agents, and authentication agents.
7. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 4 to 6~~, claim 4, characterized in that said aqueous solution contains 1 to 10% by weight by volume of ethanol in the water.
8. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 4 or 5~~, claim 4, characterized in that said aqueous solution contains 1 to 10% by weight of 2-pyrrolidone in the water.
9. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 1 to 8~~, claim 1, characterized in that said area(s) define a visual pattern when observed in transmitted light, as a result of reduction of the opacity of said areas(s).
10. (Amended) A method according to ~~claims 1 to 9~~, claim 1, characterized in that said area(s) define a visual pattern when observed in reflected light, as a result of the difference in color in said area(s).
11. (Amended) Uncoated paper comprising at least one mark resembling a watermark, and corresponding to a specific area(s) of the uncoated paper having reduced thickness with respect to the rest of the uncoated paper, the weight per surface unit in the area(s) of the paper

being identical to that of the rest of the paper, characterized in that this is produced by the method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~, claim 1.

13. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~one of claims 11 or 12~~, claim 11, characterized in that said area(s) present a color, in particular a tint and/or a luminosity, which is different from that of the rest of the paper.

14. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~one of claims 11 to 13~~, claim 11, characterized in that said area(s) comprise agents chosen from amongst colorants, fluorescent agents, fluorescence-inhibiting agents, anti-counterfeiting agents, and authentication agents.

15. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~one of claims 11 to 14~~, claim 11, characterized in that this comprises two or more fibrous webs.

16. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~the preceding claim~~, claim 15, characterized in that only one of the surface webs has a reduced thickness and/or a difference in tint and/or luminosity in said area(s), with respect to the rest of the multi-web paper.

17. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~claims 11 to 16~~, claim 11, characterized in that this comprises two or more laminated sheets of paper.

18. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~the preceding claim~~, claim 17, characterized in that the laminating adhesive is colored.

19. (Amended) Uncoated paper according to ~~claim 17 or 18~~, claim 17, characterized in that only one of the sheets of laminated paper has a reduced thickness and/or difference in tint and/or a difference in luminosity in said area(s), with respect to the rest of the laminated paper.

APPENDIX

Changes to Title:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended title:

UNCOATED PAPER ~~HAVING~~ COMPRISING A PSUEDO-WATERMARK AND
METHOD FOR MAKING ~~OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME~~

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, 6, characterized in that said aqueous solution contains 1 to 10% by volume of ethanol in the water.